

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the ABSTRACT of this application with the following:

A face mask support for CPAP comprising a hemispheric cap with biasing means support at the medial line of the head. The circumferential edge of the cap extends from the high forehead to below the inion protrusion at the nape of the neck. A biasing means which is preferably of a length of spring steel is formed so as to extend from the biasing means support to form a loop around a face mask. The biasing means may be adjusted to accommodate facial configurations and to vary the pressure with which the face mask is apposed to the face. In an alternative embodiment, the support is open and is comprised of a circumferential band extending from the middle of the forehead to below the inion protrusion and a medial band extending along the medial line of the head and connecting to the circumferential band at the middle of the forehead and below the inion protrusion.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 4 with the following:

The biasing means is comprised of spring steel, springs, or any metallic or plastic capable of transmitting force from one site to another, without fatigue. The biasing means is preferably a continuous length of spring steel formed into a loop and two equal length lateral arms, each end of which is insertible into the biasing means support, parallel to the top surface of the biasing means support and curved to an approximately 90 degree angle with the vertical plane of the face. The biasing means extends thus horizontally for a length sufficient to extend forward of the nose, and is at that point formed into a 90 degree curve so as to be parallel to the vertical plane of the face. The descending lateral arms form a loop that fits around the distal surface of the face mask. The mask support is adaptable to hold any full face or nasal mask in place. The descending lateral arms may also be separate length of spring steel, each independently inserted into biasing means and into the face mask at either its proximal or distal end.